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COMMENTS

Attached are pages 4 and 5 of the November 26, 2003 amendment that was submitted to the Patent Office.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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- 1. (Original) A photo mask for patterning a lightning rod comprising:

 a shorting bar pattern and a plurality of pad patterns;

 an outer lightning rod pattern connected to the shorting bar pattern;

 an inner lightning rod pattern connected to one of the pad patterns;

 projections from each of the outer and inner lightning rod patterns, and a fine pattern connected between the projections; and,
 - a redundancy fine pattern connected between the pad patterns.
- 2. (Currently amended) A photo mask for patterning a lightning rod comprising:
 a shorting bar pattern and a plurality of pad patterns;
 an outer lightning rod pattern connected to the shorting bar pattern;
 an inner lightning rod pattern connected to one of the pad patterns; and,
 projections from each of the outer and inner lightning rod patterns, and a fine pattern in a
 " "form connected between the projections. connecting the projections, wherein the fine
 pattern comprises:

three parallel lines, wherein one end of a first line is connected to one projection;

the other end of the first line is connected to one end of the second parallel line by a vertical line substantially perpendicular to both the first and second parallel lines;

the other end of the second parallel line is connected to an end of the third parallel line by a second vertical line substantially perpendicular to the second and third parallel lines; and the other end of the third parallel line is connected to the other projection.

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- 3. (Original) A photo mask for patterning a lightning rod comprising:
 a shorting bar pattern and a plurality of pad patterns; and,
 a plurality of lightning rod patterns between the shorting bar pattern and each of the pad patterns.
- 4. (Currently amended) A photo mask as claimed in claim 3, wherein each lightning rod pattern includes[[;]]:

an outer lightning rod pattern connected to the shorting bar <u>pattern</u>,

an inner lightning rod pattern connected to the pad pattern, and

projections from the outer lightning rod pattern and the inner lightning rod pattern, and a

fine pattern connected between the projections.

- 5. (Original) A photo mask for patterning a lightning rod comprising:

 a shorting bar pattern and a plurality of pad patterns;

 an outer lightning rod pattern connected to the shorting bar pattern;

 an inner lightning rod pattern connected to one of the pad patterns; and,

 projections from each of the outer and inner lightning rod patterns, and a fine pattern

 connected between centers of the projections.
- 6. (Original) A photo mask as claimed in claim 5, wherein a distance between the projections is greater than a distance between the outer lightning rod pattern and the inner lightning rod pattern.
- 7. (Original) A photo mask set for patterning a lightning pattern comprising: